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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, *June* 10.

SIR Roger Curtis, firſt Captain to the Admiral Earl Howe is arrived this evening with a Diſpatch from his Lordſhip to Mr. Stephens, of which the following is a Copy.

*Queen Charlotte at ſea, June* 2, 1794,
*Uſhant, E. half N.* 140 *leagues.*

SIR,

Thinking it may be neceſſary to make a more particular report of my proceedings with the Fleet, for the preſent information of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, I confine my communications chiefly, in this diſpatch, to the occurrences when in the preſence of the enemy yeſterday.

Finding, on my return off of Breſt on the 19th paſt, that the French Fleet had, a few days before, put to ſea; and receiving, on the ſame evening, advices from Rear-Admiral Montague, I deemed it requiſite to form a junction with the Rear-Admiral as ſoon as poſſible, and proceeded immediately for the ſtation on which he meant to wait for the return of the Venus.

But, having gained very credible intelligence, on the 21ſt of the ſame month, whereby I had reaſon to ſuppoſe the French Fleet was then but a few leagues farther to the Weſtward, the courſe before ſteered was altered accordingly.

On the morning of the 28th the enemy were diſcovered far to windward, and partial actions were engaged with them that evening and the next day.

The weather gage having been obtained, in the progreſs of the laſt mentioned day, and the fleet being in a ſituation for bringing the enemy to cloſe action the 1ſt inſtant, the ſhips bore up together for that purpoſe, between ſeven and eight o'clock in the morning.

The French, their force conſiſting of twenty-ſix ſail of the line, oppoſed to his Majeſty's fleet of twenty-five (the Audacious having parted company with the ſternmoſt ſhip of the enemy's line, captured in the night of the 28th) waited for the action and ſuſtained the attack with their cuſtomary reſolution.

In leſs than an hour after the cloſe action commenced in the centre, the French Admiral, engaged by the Queen Charlotte, crowded off, and was followed by moſt of the ſhips of his van, in condition to carry ſail after him, leaving with us about ten or twelve of his crippled or totally diſmaſted ſhips, excluſive of one ſunk in the engagement. The Queen Charlotte had then loſt her fore top-maſt, and the main top-maſt fell over the ſide very ſoon after.

The greater number of the other ſhips of the Britiſh fleet were, at this time, ſo much diſabled or widely ſeparated, and under ſuch circumſtances with reſpect to thoſe ſhips of the enemy in a ſtate for action, and with which the firing was ſtill continued, that two or three, even of their diſmantled ſhips, attempting to get away under a ſpritſail ſingly, or ſmaller ſail raiſed on the ſtump of the foremaſt, could not be detained.

Seven remained in our poſſeſſion, one of which, however, ſunk before the adequate aſſiſtance could be given to her crew; but many were ſaved.

The Brunſwick having loſt her mizen-maſt in the action, and drifted to leeward of the French retreating ſhips, was obliged to put away large to the Northward from them. Not ſeeing her chaſed by the enemy, in that predicament, I flatter myſelf ſhe may arrive in ſafety at Plymouth. All the other 24 ſhips of his Majeſty's fleet re-aſſembled later in the day; and I am preparing to return with them, as ſoon as the captured ſhips of the enemy are ſecured, for Spithead.

The material injury to his Majeſty's ſhips, I underſtand, is confined principally to their maſts and yards, which I conclude will be ſpeedily replaced.

I have not been yet able to collect regular accounts of the killed and wounded in the different ſhips. Captain Montague is the only Officer of his rank who fell in the Action.—The Numbers of both Deſcriptions I hope will prove ſmall, the nature of the ſervice conſidered; but I have the concern of being to add, on the ſame ſubject, that Adm. Graves has received a wound in the arm, and that Rear Admirals Bowyer and Paſley, and Capt. Hutt of the Queen, have each had a leg taken off; they are, however, (I have the Satisfaction to hear,) in a favourable ſtate under thoſe misfortunes. In the captured ſhips the numbers of killed and wounded appear to be very conſiderable.

Though I ſhall have, on the ſubject of theſe different actions with the enemy, diſtinguiſhed examples hereafter to report, I preſume the determined bravery of the ſeveral ranks of officers and the ſhips' companies employed under my authority, will have been already ſufficiently denoted by the effect of their ſpirited exertions; and, I truſt, I ſhall be excuſed for poſtponing the more detailed narrative of the other tranſactions of the fleet thereon, for being communicated at a future opportunity; more eſpecially, as my Firſt Captain, Sir Roger Curtis, who is charged with this diſpatch, will be able to give the further Information the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty may at this Time require. It is incumbent on me, nevertheleſs, now to add, that I am greatly indebted to him for his councils as well as conduct in every branch of my official duties; and I have ſimilar aſſiſtance, in the late occurrences, to acknowledge of my Second Captain, Sir Andrew Douglas. I am, &c.

HOWE.

P. S. The Names and Force of the Captured French Ships with the Fleet is tranſmitted herewith.

LIST *of* FRENCH SHIPS *captured on the* 1ſt *Day of June.*

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| La Juſte | - - - - | 80 Guns. |
| Sans Pareille | - - - | 80 |
| L'America | - - - | 74 |
| L'Achille | - - - | 74 |
| Northumberland | - - | 74 |
| L'Impetueux | - - - | 74 |
| Vengeur | - - - | 74, ſunk almoſt immediately upon being taken poſſeſſion of. |

N. B. The Ship ſtated to have been captured on the Evening of the 28th of laſt Month, is ſaid by the Priſoners, to be the Revolutionaire of 120 Guns.

*The following is copied from the Star.*

We ſtop the *Preſs* to announce that a rumour is now in circulation, very generally credited, ſtating that Admiral Montague, having fallen in with the French Convoy, had captured three men of war and two hundred ſail of merchantmen.

*The Duty will be paid on Oats.*


*Price Four-Pence.*


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